

To the Ambassador of the Republic of Honduras, H.E. Efraín Díaz Aníbal Arrivillaga:

To mark the first anniversary of the death of the Honduran citizen Tróchez Walter, on the 13th of December 2009, who was murdered in Tegucigalpa, we present you in solidarity of and with deepest sympathy for the relatives and friends who mourn his death. We ask you to convey our sympathy to Walter's family and friends and call upon you for an investigation into his murder and all other crimes since the coup on the 28th of June 2009.

We honor Walter Tróchez, an activist who was selflessly committed to the rights of transgender and the HIV-positive. After the coup, he fought alongside thousands of Honduran citizens in spite of continued threats and intimidation for the restoration of democracy in Honduras. For this he paid with his life.

Walter Tróchez is one example of dozens of other victims as a result of the coup. People who were ruthlessly murdered by state agents and criminals because they were defending democracy and were easy targets due to their living situation. The target of these attacks were human rights defenders, students, farmers, trade unionists, critical journalists, transgender people.

The murders continue even after Lobo took control of the government on the 27th of January 2010. Despite assurances otherwise, the government is apparently unwilling and unable to protect the lives of Honduran citizens. Threats and intimidation are commonplace. Since March, at least ten journalists were killed in Honduras. On the 31st of August 2010 trans*- activists Imperia Gamaniel Parson and Neraldys of the organization Colectivo Unidad Color Rosa (Colectivo TTT) were murdered in San Pedro Sula. On the 15th of November paramilitaries killed six activists of the Peasant Movement Aguán (MCA).

Unlike the German Friedrich Naumann Foundation, who enjoys excellent relations with your government as they did under the coup government lead by Roberto Micheletti, we want to express to you that human rights are a higher priority than economic interests. We consider it our duty in the face of crime in your country not to remain silent. We believe that every person has a responsibility for their actions. Anyone who commits injustice, seeks to cover up their crimes and tramples on democracy must be held accountable for their actions and punished.

Therefore we demand:

No repetition of the crimes committed in the 1980's in Honduras!

End the state persecution of political activists!

Protection of all Hondurans from paramilitary terror!

Investigate, resolve the crimes committed since the 28th of June 2009!

An end to the ongoing impunity for putschists and murderers!

Convene a Constituent Assembly, as per the petition signed by more than 1.3 million Hondurans!

After the terrible experiences in Latin America during the dictatorships of the last century, we appeal to you: Stand up for humanity! Rest assured that society will not be silenced about the murders, even when so-called liberals from Germany support your complicity. We believe that injustice will not prevail in the long run.

We will ensure that Walter Tróchez and the other victims are not forgotten. Their courage and perseverance lives on in us. They are our role models for our actions. We will continue to call for an investigation of those murders and for the punishment of the perpetrators!

Human rights are universal!

Walter Tróchez Queer Alliance

Berlin, the 13th of December 2010